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## 1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of Hearing Conservation Program is to prevent occupational noise-related hearing loss among military and civilian personnel at the Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst. This program depends on a general awareness of the hazardous noise in the work environment, the reduction of hazardous noise by engineering control methods, and the use of hearing protection devices.

## 2.0 APPLICATION

All Personnel working in and around noise hazardous areas and operations.

## 3.0 REFERENCES

OPNAVINST 5100.23 series  
DODI 6055.12

## 4.0 PROCEDURES

1. Areas and operations will be identified and designated as noise hazardous zones. Tools and machinery that generate noise levels above 84 dB(A) shall be marked with noise producing labels.
2. Hearing protection devices shall be worn by all personnel when they must enter or work in areas where the operations generate noise levels at 84 dBA or above, or 140 dBA peak sound pressure level or greater.
3. Personnel in work environments found to have noise levels greater than 84 dBA (continuous or intermittent), or 140 dB peak sound pressure level for impact or impulse noise are required to wear single hearing protection.
4. A combination of insert type (plug) and circumaural type (muff) shall be worn in all areas where noise levels exceed 104 dB(A) sound level
5. Personnel identified for inclusion in the hearing conservation program must receive initial and refresher training and annual audiograms.

